

REMARKS

In the office action dated October 3, 2003, the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-11. In particular, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, and claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *et al.* (5,967,536). The Examiner also objected to FIG. 7 as not being designated as Prior Art.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings, "because figure 7 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--, because only that which is old is illustrated." A corrected FIG. 7 has been provided per the attached replacement sheet.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 7, as lines 12 & 17 of claim 1 and line 10 of claim 7 include the term "its", which the Examiner objects to as being uncertain. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention because claim 1, as set forth in the preamble of the claim, is directed to a system for analyzing a suspension system; however the Applicant has set forth nothing in the body of the claim as to any type of analyzing let alone analyzing a suspension system.

The present invention relates to a system for analyzing a suspension system by providing a system that enables better analysis of the manner that wheel movement characteristics (e.g. camber, toe, and caster) in an independent suspension system are affected by a mounting position and length of each link in a steering system and suspension system. The mounting position and length of the links may be varied as desired to allow visual observation of the wheel movement characteristics. This visual observation accounts for the system's use for analyzing the suspension system. For this reason alone, the system is indeed a system for analyzing a suspension system and requires no further reference to analysis in the body of the claim.

Furthermore, there is no requirement that a claimed apparatus that is used to perform a function include in its body a reference to that function. Therefore, the body of claim 1 does not need to recite “any type of analyzing”. In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spivey *et al.* (5,967,536). However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicant has cancelled claim 2 and included its limitations into independent claim 1. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to now depend from independent claim 1.

Furthermore, claim 7 has been amended into independent form by including all the limitations of original claim 1 into claim 7. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to now depend from independent claim 7.

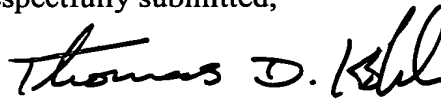
In light of the above described amendments, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 7 and their dependent claims 3-6 and 8-11 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 650-849-7706.

Respectfully submitted,

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